

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS  
JANUARY 17, 2006  
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

The Board convened in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 6th Floor, Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, Vancouver, Washington. Commissioners Stuart, Morris, and Boldt, Chair, present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Commissioners conducted the Flag Salute.

BID AWARD 2430

Reconvened a public hearing for Bid Award 2430 – Annual Clark County Elections Mail Service. Mike Westerman, General Services, read a memo recommending that Bid 2430 be awarded to the lowest bidder.

*Boldt* asked if there was more than one bidder.

*Westerman* said this particular vendor has been one of the primary contracts over the past several years and has consistently been low in their bids. He said it appears that so long as they bid, the other mail houses have decided not to and in this particular case they simply did not respond.

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to award Bid 2430 to Signature Graphics of Portland, Oregon, in the total bid amount of \$33,686.66, and grant authority to the County Administrator to sign all bid-related contracts. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 251)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Speaker #1

*Ron Lauser*, Wedgewood Homes, commented on an idea he had about taking a sewer line all the way down 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue and out to Pioneer to connect with Ridgefield. Mr. Lauser said that Ridgefield has some problems they're trying to solve with their systems, but he thought they would get inundated with residential hook-ups that they're not prepared to handle. He further explained. It's figured the cost would be \$7 million to run the line, which would benefit Ridgefield, La Center and Battle Ground at the Duluth intersection. He said this would solve a problem of bringing sewer to a lot of industrial ground out 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which would also take the job base north. He suggested the funds could be tapped from the REET money set aside for jobs expansion.

*Boldt* recommended that Mr. Lauser have a conversation with Pete Capell, Public Works Director.

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Speaker #2

*Bob Fissell*, InterAct Clark County, stated that InterAct Clark County, in cooperation with forums at the library, conducted a forum in which representatives from six local agencies presented information on issues of emergency preparedness, with a follow-up dialogue held two week's subsequently using the World Café model. Mr. Fissell said the discussion recognized the range of problems that might befall our community in the event of a major disaster and it was recognized that the most important response would be neighbors helping neighbors. He said neighbor-to-neighbor cooperation is always important to recovery, but the larger the scale of the emergency, the more important it becomes. He further explained. Fissell said that in order for neighbors to come together, it would take direction and assistance from community leaders. He explained three areas of development that were identified as necessary to bring this about: 1) communication systems; 2) information on resource needs; and 3) community organizing.

*Morris* asked if Tom Griffith, Director, CRESA, had attended InterAct's meeting.

*Fissell* responded that Deborah Needham was there on Mr. Griffith's behalf.

*Morris* asked if their progress to date could be illuminated as far as the central communications piece.

*Bill Barron*, County Administrator, said the idea of having central communications is significant. He stated that recovery is now the priority for CRESA, as well as all of their members—the county and cities among them. Mr. Barron said that as far as central communications they are working towards the reverse 911, which works well for those who have phone systems. He further explained how reverse 911 works. He said he was sure that would be a central focus for the planning.

*Morris* said that jointly there should be neighborhood cohesion and citizens ability to take care of themselves. She wondered how many people were prepared with necessary emergency supplies to last for three full days.

*Fissell* added that it's recommended to have 7-10 days worth of emergency supplies in the event of a major catastrophic event.

CONSENT AGENDA

There being no public comment, **MOVED** by Stuart to approve items 1 through 8. Commissioners Boldt, Stuart, and Morris voted aye. Motion carried. (See Tape 251)

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COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

*Morris* recommended a movie she saw over the weekend—The Family Stone. She said it was a very good movie.

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